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## Open enrollment for benefits now under way

The open enrollment period for health insurance and personal and family accident insurance plans available to eligible employees of the University is under way, and will run through April 29, 1994, with new coverages taking effect May 1, 1994. All eligible employees who wish to change coverages in a health care plan should submit an enrollment form to the Office of Personnel by April 29, 1994.

Employees with questions about the various plans may contact Joanne Fay, manager of benefits, or Sheri Richardson, benefits specialist, both in the Office of Personnel at 638-4610 (8-x4610). ■

## Employees honored for service

The University's annual Employee Service Recognition Dinner, held to honor those members of the Boston University community who have served the institution for 10 or 25 years or are retiring, will take place on Tuesday, April 19. The event will be held in the George Sherman Ballroom of the Charles River Campus.

In honor of their distinguished service and contribution to the University, those employees who have served for 10 years will receive Paul Revere bowls. Twenty-five-year veterans will receive clocks, while those retiring will receive either Boston

## BUMC's heroes of winter



*John Pender, Tyrone Crumble, Frank Tibbetts and Dick McHugh make up half of the crew that kept the Medical Center accessible throughout the winter.*

The snowstorms of winter may be ceding to April rains and the gentle winds of spring, but the winter of 1994 will long be remembered.

And while the stormy elements affected many of our weekday mornings and evenings, they were, for the eight members of the Medical Campus's buildings and grounds crew, the central focus of many a day from January through March.

Lead by seasoned veteran Dick McHugh, the team took a resolute stance against the elements, keeping clear all of the sidewalks and small parking lots in the Medical Center area, up and down Harrison Avenue and Albany Street from the Boston City Hospital steam station to the Flower Market, up and down East Concord Street and East Newton Street, day in and day out,

**Heroes**

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## Ullian takes helm at BUMC



*Elaine Ullian*

Elaine Ullian, the new president and chief executive officer of BUMC Hospital, came on board full time on April 1, acknowledging that the Hospital faces a major fiscal challenge but adding confidently that "our future is going to be bright."

In a Town Meeting held in March, she presented the data on admissions and staffing that will drive the "downsizing" of BUMCH and presented her general strategy for boosting the Hospital's position in the evolving and highly competitive Boston academic medicine environment.

The bottom line, Ullian said, is that the Hospital must lower its prices to be competitive in the Boston area. To this end, she said, some type of merger or consolidation with Boston City Hospital will take place. The two institutions together have 700 hos-

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## Take a shot at Huntington's disease



The 16th annual Hoopathon for Huntington's Disease will be held on Thursday, April 28, from 6 a.m. until midnight in the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center gym, located at 85 East Newton St.

Members of the Medical Center community are urged to participate in this basketball free-throw contest, either as shooters or as pledgers. To sign up for the event, which benefits research and family service programs, contact May Long, at x8-8333 (638-8333). ■

## Vending machines

Just a reminder, in light of the closing of the gift shop on Evans 1, vending machines carrying candy bars, sodas, fruit drinks, ice cream, fruit and assorted other foods are located in the L Building basement, near Chequer's Cafe.



## New state medical examiner's building to be built on Albany St

Another significant building project is commencing in the medical area, this time the construction of the state's new morgue, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The facility, which will be located on the north side of Albany Street, at the corner of East Concord Street, will replace the state's existing morgue in the Mallory Building, at the corner of Albany Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

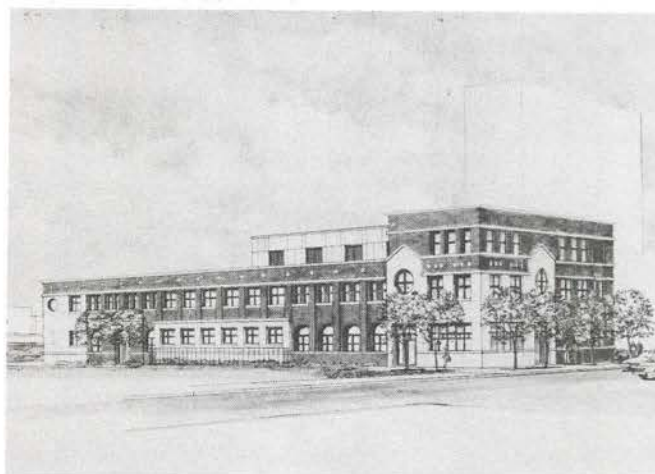
The Mallory Building will continue to house the Mallory Institute, which is the Department of Anatomical Pathology for BUMC Hospital and Boston City Hospital. A large proportion of the faculty in the School of Medicine's Department of Pathology works

in the institute's facilities.

The new building is expected to be completed by March 1995. The project has been under consideration for 10 years, said Roseanne Pawelec of the state's Department of Capitol Planning and Operations.

The 28,000-square-foot, two-story building has a brick and precast concrete exterior. There is a third level elevation in one portion of the building for the mechanical room tower.

The \$6 million project will include state-of-the-art autopsy rooms and equipment, a public lobby and private waiting spaces for people receiving news about the death of their loved ones. The Mallory Building does



*The state medical examiner's facilities will be moved from the Mallory Building to a new site on Albany Street.*

not have either a public lobby or private waiting spaces. The building will also include offices and support space for the chief medical examiner.

The building was designed Whitney Atwood Norcross Assoc., Architects, and will be built by Suffolk Construction. ■

## McHugh's crew works until the job's done – in any weather

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at 3 a.m., 6 a.m. 10 p.m., weekday and weekend, shoveling, plowing, sanding and salting. Outside contractors stepped in to plow the large BUMC parking lots.

"We do the job until it's done," said McHugh. "That can mean coming in at 2 a.m. to clear the place and then coming back in later in the day. We make sure this place is accessible all the time."

The crew, also responsible for driving the Medical Center shuttle buses, battled the elements on the road, as well, safely transporting members of the BUMC community to the Broadway T station and Lot C under often treacherous conditions.

Whatever the job is, McHugh said, "We are determined to get the people into the Medical Center and out safely. If a storm occurs during the daytime, it's a nightmare. If it's the weekend,

it's beautiful."

The crew assaulted the winter storms with a well honed strategy, each member of the team being deployed to carry out the task that he has become the resident expert in, but also being prepared to switch off and help out wherever else was needed. "As far as I'm concerned, my guys are a fantastic group," said McHugh. "They're ready to team up, change roles, anything to get the job done. We know each other's moves. We're together. Everybody helps. No one can beat 'em. We've had breakdowns with equipment, and we know how to work in a piecemeal way until after the rush."

The crew's ammunition against the winter storms is a Bob Cat, a Walden tractor, a Ford front-end loader, a blower, shovels, and a sand/salt mixture.

"It helps to have a boss who understands," said McHugh, referring to John Clift, manager of operations

and maintenance in the Medical Campus Office of Facilities Management. "He's fair with us, and if he sees something we've missed, he tells us, as he should."

For his part, Clift said, "The men are performing at the highest standard they ever have, under the toughest conditions they've faced."

The crew is made up of a blend of seasoned veterans and some new recruits. Anthony Campbell and Neil Baldner have been on board for 21 years, Tyrone Crumble and John Pender for 15 years, Don Moody for 11 years. Two recent additions, from the Charles River Campus,

are Frank Tibbetts, who's been at the Medical Campus for two years, and Wayne Ring, who's been here for a year and a half.

Now, the crew's thoughts have turned to spring upkeep. With 500 tulip and daffodil bulbs planted by the men last fall, it's getting to be time to "fertilize, cut, lime and seed," said McHugh.

When you see the tulips in front of BUSM, on the Evans Walk Way and in the BUMCH Atrium planters, think of the hands that planted them, and think of the men who helped us all get through the winter to enjoy this spring. ■

## World Class Commuting Day set

Medical Center employees are urged to turn out for World Class Commuting Day on Friday, May 13, on the BUMC Hospital H-2 Bridge. The theme of this fourth annual event is "The Less Stress Commute." Drop by between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to find out how to save time, money and stress. ■



## New biosafety director takes helm



Dan Liberman

In an appointment that reflects the increasingly voluminous and complex nature of biosafety issues and enforcement, BUMC has named Daniel Liberman, PhD, the Medical Center's new director of the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, formerly known as the Office of Safety. The title change reflects the broadened and expanded role of the office.

Liberman, who held a similar position at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has taught at both Boston University School of Public Health and Harvard School of Public Health, is an acclaimed expert in biosafety and general safety matters. He is an active member of such organizations as American Industrial Hygiene Society Biosafety Committee, American Chemical Society, Society for Industrial Microbiology, National

Institute of Environmental Health and Safety and the National Toxicology Program Advisory Group.

"Liberman's appointment resulted from our discussions with the faculty and principal investigators, which made it clear that the nature of the research being done today and projected for the future requires a very aggressive, sophisticated approach to monitoring activity from a biosafety standpoint," said Michael Donovan, the executive director of the Medical Campus Office of Personnel and Administrative Services.

John Clemons will maintain his responsibilities as safety officer, and will be assisting Liberman as an Associate Director of the Office of Environmental Health and Safety.

"There is a much greater awareness of the importance of health and safety in the research laboratory, hospital and professional workplace," said Liberman. "We will be responsive to the needs not only of the faculty, staff and students of the Medical Center but also to the patients of BUMC Hospital. We will serve the work/hospital environment in a very unified fashion and will respond to issues as quickly as possible, building on the strengths that exist within the current office." ■

## Ullian sees changes ahead

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pital beds; they must be a combined "400 bed academic medical center in five years," she said. The Hospital must also enhance its relationship with the 25 local community health centers and regional hospitals to dramatically boost referrals, she said.

The former president and

CEO of Faulkner Hospital, Ullian is the first woman to be named the president of a major teaching hospital in New England and one of the first in the country. She succeeds J. Scott Abercrombie Jr., MD, who retired from the position he held for 14 years on Friday, March 18.

The Medical Campus wishes Ullian well in her new challenge. ■

## Match Day at BUSM shows trend toward primary care medicine



Fourth-year BUSM students Elizabeth Moran, Jacqueline Stephen and Eva Selhub celebrate Match Day.

The lobby of the School of Medicine was filled with animated fourth-year medical students on Wednesday, March 16, as most of the 142 members of the class turned out at their mailboxes to learn where they'd been selected to complete their residencies.

Of the 125 students participating in the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP), 113 were matched, and nearly half of those (60 students) received their first choice of residency program. Another 14 percent, (17 students) received their second choice. Seven students matched through the U.S. Armed Services and five matched outside the NRMP and the U.S. Armed Services.

Internal medicine was the top choice of specialty for the class, with 36, or 25 percent,

of the total class selecting this area. Massachusetts will be home to 58 of the future residents, while New York will host 15 of the students and California another 14.

There was a significant increase this year in the number of BUSM students choosing residencies in primary care, up from 37 percent in last year's fourth year class to 44 percent in this year's. "This shift toward generalist careers is consistent with our efforts here to produce medical classes in which 50 percent of the students enter primary care medicine," said Arthur J. Culbert, PhD., the associate dean of student affairs at the School of Medicine. Primary care medicine includes general internal medicine, family practice and pediatrics. ■

## K Building tunnel shut down

With the demolition of the principal Boston City Hospital tunnels (A corridor, B Corridor, A/B Connector) under way, the tunnel running from the Silvio O. Conte Medical Research Center (K Building) to BCH will be closed indefinitely. The demolition of the tunnels is the first step in the process of clearing the BCH campus of its former inpatient facilities. Access to the main area of the new inpatient facility can be made from Albany Street and from Harrison Avenue. For safety, people are urged to enter the inpatient facility through the Albany Street entrance in the evening, as it is well lit. The Maternity department can still be entered from East Concord Street. ■



# Employees honored for years of service to Boston University

## Retiring

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Affairs, BUSM

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Admin. Mgr. Educational  
Media, Medical Campus

**Ronald R. Diodati**  
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Dentistry, GSGD

**Reece W. Edwards**  
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Med Lab Animal Science  
CTR, BUSM

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**Sisir K. Sengupta**  
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Ob/Gyn, BUSM

## 25 Years of Service

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Biophysics, BUSM

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